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THE PENNSYLVANIA  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Oldest Horticultural Society in America*



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1939

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*Secretary*

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## OBJECT AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is a non-profit organization. Its object is to promote and encourage Horticulture and to create a love for, and interest in Plants and Flowers. It desires to increase its membership in order to extend its services to a greater number of persons, increase its influence and enlarge the scope of its activities.

### PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. "Horticulture"—a semi-monthly gardening magazine for the amateur gardener.
2. Consultant in Horticulture.
3. Field Secretary.
4. Lectures.
5. Exhibitions presented by the Society.
6. The Philadelphia Flower Show—one admission.
7. Garden Visits.
8. Horticultural Library—circulating privilege to members.
9. Year Book.

*Membership implies a forward-looking interest in the influence of horticulture on the individual, the home and the community, making life happier and richer.*

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*Toward the Endowment*  
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## THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Organized 1827

This Society welcomes gifts and bequests of money, and it is hoped that all who desire to perpetuate its work will, in disposing of their property, include The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society among their beneficiaries.

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I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY .....

FOR

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I Wish to Propose for Membership in the Society:

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Address .....

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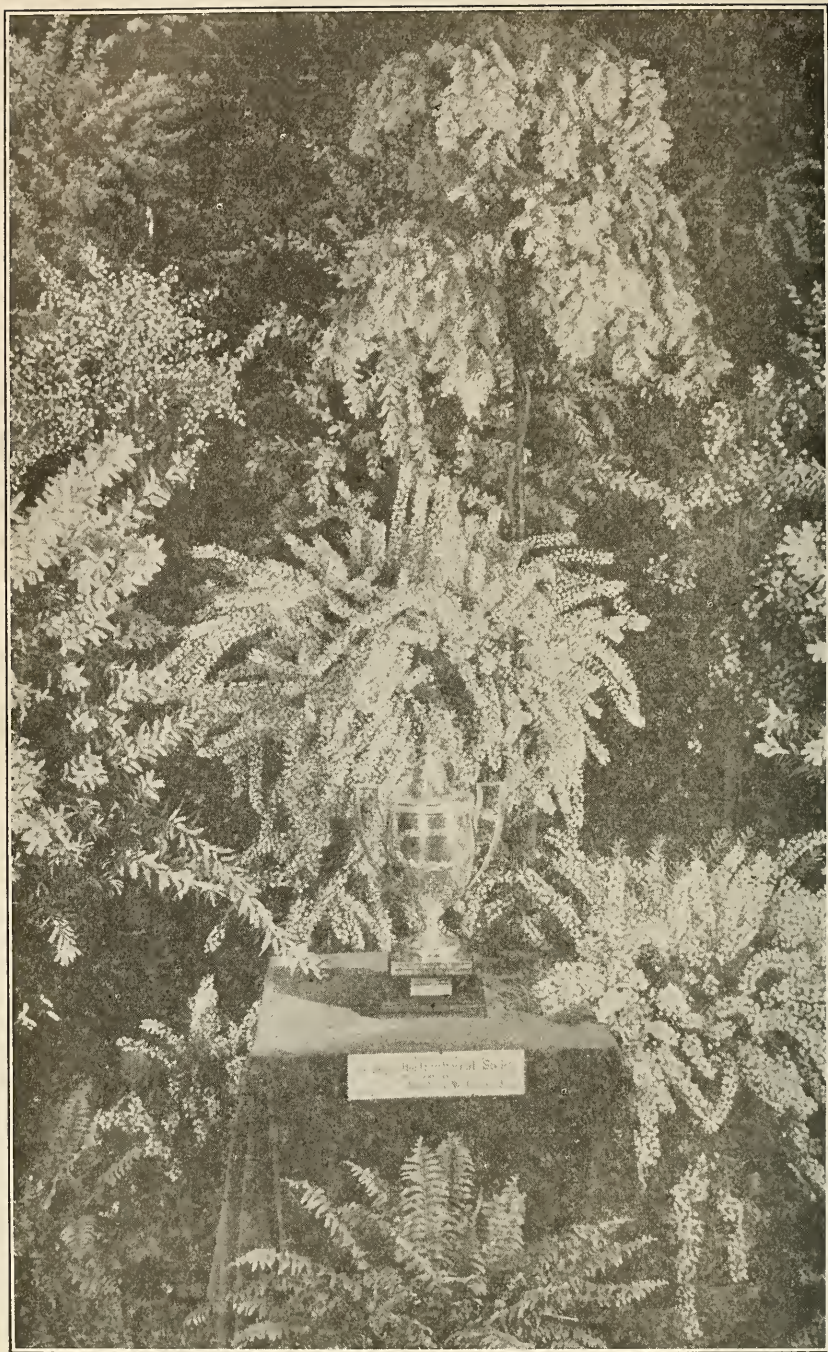
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ACACIA EXHIBIT OF JOSEPH E. WIDENER  
PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, 1939

## ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 1939

The annual meeting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday, November 14, 1939, at 3.30 P. M., in the Insurance Company of North America Building, 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia. The president, Mr. C. Frederick C. Stout, presided, and one hundred and seven members were present. Announcement was made of the election of the following persons to serve on the executive council: For the term expiring at the end of 1942, Mr. F. E. Dixon, Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Mr. Fairman R. Furness, Mrs. Robert H. Irons, Mrs. Alvan Markle, Jr., Mr. William Clarke Mason, Mr. S. S. Pennock, Mr. William J. Serrill, and Mr. C. Frederick C. Stout; for term expiring at the end of 1941, Mrs. John B. Carson and Mrs. Alan H. Reed; for term expiring at the end of 1940, Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock.

The president made an address in which he acquainted the members with the present situation of the society and explained its plans for the future. The secretary, Mr. John C. Wister, presented a report of the outstanding events of the past year.

The business part of the meeting was followed by a most interesting talk on "Gardens Under the Sea," presented by Professor Ulric Dahlgren of Princeton University. The lecture was beautifully illustrated with unusual pictures of sea life in natural color.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 14, 1939

Another year has passed into history and the activities and accomplishments of your Society will shortly appear in detail in our Year Book. I realize that statistics do not furnish very exciting reading matter and do not compare with a good detective story or novel, but we have prepared, in as interesting and informative manner as possible, a record of your Society both for your present information and for future reference.

The Society's financial condition has changed little in this period. The accounts have been audited by Herr and Herr, Certified Public Accountants, and, based on the expenditures and income of the past year as set forth in the report, we have prepared a budget for the current fiscal year that we believe will work out satisfactorily, although we wish we had more generous amounts to distribute to the various standing committees. The Treasurer's Report will be published along with



detailed reports from all of our Committees in the forthcoming publication referred to, and the Secretary this afternoon will give you a summary of the principal events. I should like to refer briefly to our Library and our Membership Drive.

Mrs. J. Norman Henry is at the head of our Library Committee. Under her direction and that of her predecessor, we have built up one of the best horticultural libraries in the State. This committee is particularly anxious to get more money to continue its efficient development and special donations for this purpose will be most highly appreciated.

For your information, on November 1st, 1938, our membership stood at 3,480. There were 403 members added during the past year, the majority of them proposed by our own members. This makes a total of 3,883. The unfortunate part of the net result is, however, that we lost 32 members by death, 148 resigned, and we were obliged to drop 138 due to non-payment of dues, with the result that on November 1st, 1939, we had 3,565 members, a total net increase for the year of 85. One bright spot to be noted is an increase of 17 Life Members—the majority of these came from the list of our regular annual members.

May I again call to your attention the fact that there is no better instrumentality for increasing our membership than through the human machinery of our present members. For the most part this machinery is inert and our job today is to sell to each of our members, individually, the great contribution to the usefulness and interest of life that can be obtained from this Society for the small sum of three dollars per year. This particular function is under the direction of the Extension Committee headed by Dr. J. Horace McFarland with Mr. W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., as Vice-Chairman.

Although a number of persons are willing to support the Society because of its ancient and honorable career and their own feeling of loyalty to horticulture, many others want to obtain concrete privileges in return for their dues. With this thought in mind, during the coming year the Extension Committee will devote its principal efforts to territory within a radius of fifty to seventy miles of Philadelphia, because the Society has more privileges to offer to nearby members due to the proximity necessary for many of our services. It is to be noted, however, that in regard to the magazine "Horticulture" and the mail service of our Library, proximity to Philadelphia is not important:

The magazine "Horticulture" has continued to be a valuable privilege to both distant and local members. In addition, it strengthens our friendly relations with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, which is directly responsible for its publication, and with The Horticultural Society of New York. These relations have been further augmented by the exchange of gold medals and co-operative efforts in connection with Flower Shows and other events.

With these special considerations of the value of our Library and "Horticulture", the Extension Committee has planned to establish committees of three, five, or seven members, as the case may be, in various localities within the proposed radius, which committees will represent the Society in securing new members. Their work will be supplemented by that of our Field Secretary, Miss Wertsner, and by an attractive pamphlet that will set forth all of the advantages that the Society offers at such a small cost. It will also contain the titles of a short list of helpful recent books on horticulture that can be had at our Library.

It is a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to me to be able to announce that in May of this year our Secretary, Mr. John C. Wister, received the Centenary Gold Medal, the highest honor the Society can award. It was awarded to him for his splendid contributions to horticulture and his loyalty to this Society.

In closing, I wish to mention particularly the great satisfaction that we have enjoyed in the co-operation which we have had throughout the passing years from the Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc., the Botanical Departments of the University of Pennsylvania and of The Pennsylvania State College, the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College, the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Railroad and its Garden Club, the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners, the Norristown Garden Club, and the Rutledge Horticultural Society. We are grateful to the Garden Clubs which have been generous in supplying us with representatives for Flower Show Committees, and to the seed houses and nurseries for their splendid co-operation in our activities. The W. Atlee Burpee Company, Henry A. Dreer, the Henry F. Michell Company and Hosea Waterer have been especially helpful.

As for myself, I wish to extend both my thanks and appreciation to our Secretary, Mr. Wister, and our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel S. Pennock, to the members of our Executive Council, to the chairmen and personnel of our various committees, and to the members of the office force for their whole-hearted co-operation in promoting the interests of this Society.

I extend my warmest greetings to the members who are present and wish them to know their interest is most heartening and gratifying.

C. FREDERICK C. STOUT.

President.

## THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

NOVEMBER 14, 1939

The season of 1938-1939 started in November with two series of subscription lectures—a Monday morning botanical course by Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., of the Botany Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and a Monday evening course on practical gardening by our Field Secretary, Miss Wertsner. The evening course was designed for teachers, business persons and gardeners who could not come to daytime lectures, but the enrollment was not sufficient to justify a similar course this Winter. In January and February there were three free lectures on Monday afternoons, and Mr. Rust, our Horticultural Consultant, conducted a course of subscription lectures on Monday mornings.

Our first exhibition of Conservation Christmas Decorations was held on December 1, 1938, in the Concourse of the Suburban Station. It was staged with the co-operation of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Railroad Garden Club.

On February 16 and 17, 1939, our Society and the Garden Club Federation jointly sponsored a popular two-day course for flower show exhibitors. The Society's share of the profits (\$350.00) was used to help in the expense of staging our classes in the Philadelphia Flower Show (March 20 to 25, 1939). These classes were a credit to our Chairman, Mrs. Alan Collins, and her conscientious committee.

The Philadelphia Flower Show was one of the finest that has been held. A spacious central court and fountain were striking features of the beautiful design. The Society's annual dinner during Flower Show week was held at the Penn Athletic Club. Sir William Wright Smith, Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, was our guest of honor. He gave a delightful talk, and presented the Silver Cup of the Royal Horticultural Society to Arthur Hauenstein, superintendent of the Joseph E. Widener estate, for the Acacia display at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

On three Saturday afternoons in May, a series of visits was made by members of the Society and their guests to thirteen gardens in Overbrook, the Main Line section, Jenkintown, and Newtown. An attendance of more than five hundred was recorded at some of the gardens.

In the Spring and early Summer, the Society's Committee of Garden Awards inspected thirty-one gardens. The awards which were made were published in the November 1, 1939, issue of "Horticulture."

During the Summer, the Library had its quota of visitors and Miss Wertsner and Mr. Rust were called upon often for gardening advice and to judge flower shows. During the fiscal

year (October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939), Mr. Rust made 52 visits to gardens, gave 7 lectures, judged 8 flower shows and had 111 office consultations. Miss Wertsner gave 57 lectures and judged 14 flower shows, visited gardens of distant members and gave much advice by mail and telephone. Miss Wertsner and Mr. Rust represented the Society at many meetings of other organizations, and they were in charge of staging the Society's flower shows during the year.

The Dahlia and Fall Flower Show was held in Norristown on September 21 and 22, 1939, with the co-operation of the Norristown Garden Club. The Chrysanthemum Show was held on November 3 and 4 in the Field House of Swarthmore College, with the co-operation of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners and the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation.

During the fiscal year, we have had 2350 visitors to our rooms, of which number 1300 visited the Library. Seventy-six meetings were held in our quarters, 28 by our own groups and 48 by Boards and Committees of other organizations whose aims are allied to our own.

JOHN C. WISTER,  
Secretary.



# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939

## GENERAL FUND

### RECEIPTS

Income Received from:

Schaffer Fund—Girard Trust Co.....	\$11,444.23	
Less Notary Fee, Fiduciary Return .....	\$ .50	
Less Commission Girard Trust Co. ....	508.89	
	<hr/>	509.39
		\$10,934.84
Interest on Investments .....	\$2,432.59	
Interest on Savings Funds .....	2.33	
	<hr/>	2,434.92
Dues—Current Account .....		9,555.00
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Total Regular Income .....		\$22,924.76
Temporary Loan from Bank .....		1,000.00
Total Cash Receipts .....		<hr/>
		\$23,924.76

### EXPENDITURES OF COMMITTEES

Executive Committee:

Rent .....	\$3,375.00	
Salaries .....	3,829.00	
Insurance .....	71.66	
Postage .....	322.00	
Printing and Stationery .....	247.56	
Year Book .....	558.00	
Treasurer's Bond .....	25.00	
Towel Service and Water .....	70.20	
Telephone .....	156.70	
Miscellaneous .....	577.77	
New Equipment .....	179.20	
	<hr/>	\$9,412.09

Lecture Committee:

Lecturer's Fees .....	\$ 225.00	
Rent of Auditorium .....	155.00	
Lantern and Operator .....	45.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage .....	141.87	
Labor and Misc. Expenses .....	29.14	
	<hr/>	\$596.01
Total .....		\$596.01
Less Net Subscription to Special Courses .....	231.75	
Net Cost of Lectures for Season .....	<hr/>	364.26

Exhibition Committee:

Rent of Store Room .....	\$ 500.04	
Salaries .....	1,300.00	
*Philadelphia Flower Show .....	1,211.13	
*Dahlia Show .....	402.34	
Spring Show (Financed by contributions) .....	44.19	
*Chrysanthemum Show .....	287.83	
*Exhibition of Conservation Christmas Decorations .....	69.50	
Medals to other Organizations .....	108.52	
Miscellaneous .....	21.75	
	<hr/>	3,856.92

\* Net expenses after deducting contributions and/or subsidies.



Library Committee:

Rent .....	\$1,125.00	
Salary—Librarian .....	1,500.00	
Subscriptions and Periodicals .....	227.35	
New Books .....	155.05	
Binding .....	181.20	
Supplies .....	3.30	
	<hr/>	3,191.90

Garden Committee:

Salary—Garden Consultant .....		2,000.00
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Committee on Garden Awards:

Awards .....		114.55
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Field Secretary:

Salary—Less Lecture Fees .....	\$1,480.00	
Printing, Postage, etc. ....	171.15	
Lantern Slides .....	27.23	
	<hr/>	1,678.38

Special Appropriations:

Subscriptions to "Horticulture" .....	\$2,815.71	
Garden Visits .....	122.15	
Membership—Soliciting New Members.....	264.93	
Subscription Dinner, March 21—Incidental Expenses .....	50.55	
Miscellaneous .....	67.48	
	<hr/>	3,320.82

Total Expenditures .....	<hr/>	23,938.92
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Excess of Expenditures over Receipts .....		14.16
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Cash on Hand, September 30, 1938 .....		4,042.30
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**LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT**

Balance, October 1, 1938—Uninvested Cash .....		\$ 165.44
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Receipts—12 New Members, 1939 (Some on installment Plan .....	\$ 360.00	
13 Old Members paid in 1939 .....	210.00	
Donations During Year .....	7.03	
Sale of 8 'M' Bonds (Gain \$387.43) .....	8,559.28	
	<hr/>	9,136.31

2 'M' Duquesne Light Co. 1st Mtge.

3 'M' Metropolitan Edison Company.

3 'M' Southern California Edison Co.

Total Cash to be Accounted for .....		\$9,301.75
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Disbursed for Purchase of:

8 'M' other Bonds, costing .....	\$8,543.16	
3 'M' Commonwealth Edison Co. 1st Mtge.		
3 'M' Cons. Edison Co., Deb.		
2 'M' United Steel Corporation, Deb.		
60 shs. United Gas Improvement Company .....	740.81	
	<hr/>	9,283.97

Balance September 30, 1939—Uninvested Cash .....		\$17.78
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**LIBRARY FUND**

Balance, October 1, 1938 .....		\$128.10
Interest January 4, 1939 .....		1.77

Balance September 30, 1939 .....		\$129.87
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# STATEMENT OF CONDITION

September 30, 1939

## ASSETS

Cash:		
General Fund—Girard Trust Co. ....	\$3,928.14	
General Fund—Petty Cash .....	100.00	
		\$4,028.14
Life Membership Fund:		
Corn Exchange National Bank.....	\$ 17.78	
Library Committee Fund:		
Corn Exchange National Bank.....	129.87	
		147.65
		\$ 4,175.79
Schaffer Fund Investments:		
Girard Trust Company—Trustee .....		357,432.00
Investments:		
Life Membership Fund .....	\$29,831.11	
General Fund .....	13,638.71	
		43,469.82
Equipment:		
Office Furniture, etc. ....	\$2,070.71	
Library Books .....	9,762.49	
(Not including donation by Mr. Farnum)		
Portraits .....	6,265.00	
		18,098.20
Supplies:		
Medals on Hand .....		54.12
Total Assets .....		\$423,229.93

## LIABILITIES

Borrowed Money .....	\$ 1,000.00
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## FUNDS

Schaffer Fund .....	\$357,432.00
Life Membership Fund .....	29,848.89
General Fund .....	21,591.18
Appraisal Adjustment .....	13,227.99
Library Committee Fund .....	129.87
Total Funds .....	422,229.93
Total Liabilities and Funds .....	\$423,229.93

HERR & HERR,  
Certified Public Accountants.

S. S. PENNOCK,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF EXHIBITION COMMITTEE FOR 1939

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society participated in several outstanding horticultural events during the year 1939.

On March 20th to 25th, it sponsored, at the Philadelphia Flower Show, an exhibit of suburban backyards in full scale and also directed the special arrangement, amateur and other classes in the Garden Club Section at that Show.

A Spring Flower Show was held on May 27th and 28th, in conjunction with the Rutledge Horticultural Society and with the co-operation of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, in the field house of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. While iris and peonies predominated at the Spring Show, there was a magnificent display of Ghent azaleas, late flowering lilacs, hemerocallis and various hardy flowering plants and shrubs. There was also a special showing of orchid plants and gardenias in full bloom.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society joined with the Norristown Garden Club in the presentation on September 21st and 22nd of a Fall Flower Show. A large committee, drawn from both organizations, handled the wealth of exhibits at this Show with smoothness and efficiency and with the result that a most excellent exhibition was given. While dahlias were specially featured, there was no lack of other seasonable flowers, including roses in abundance and perfection. The arrangement classes were of fine quality and the exhibition generally was one of the most noted of the Autumn of 1939.

The field house of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., was again used on November 3rd and 4th by The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society with the co-operation of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners in the presentation of an interesting exhibit of outdoor and indoor grown chrysanthemums. To this joint undertaking, the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation of Swarthmore College lent valuable assistance. Potted chrysanthemum plants competed for attention with the beautiful cut flowers at the field house. Due to favorable weather conditions the outdoor display was equally inviting. It is rather difficult to select a date which will permit both the indoor and outdoor types of chrysanthemums to appear to best advantage, but the experience of the past two years would indicate that the first few days of November are favorable for assembling representative collections of both the hardy outdoor and tender indoor grown chrysanthemums.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Pennsylvania Railroad Garden Club and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, through the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, staged their second annual conservation exhibit of Christmas greens in the Suburban Station, Philadelphia, on December 7th. Because of its appeal at this season of the year, and the location of the exhibit at a main artery of traffic, the attendance was most gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. HARE, Chairman.

# AWARDS FOR 1939

## Exhibition Awards

### MRS. J. WILLIS MARTIN CUP

West Chester Garden Club, Sweepstake Prize in Amateur Classes, Philadelphia Flower Show.

### GOLD MEDAL OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The Planters Garden Club, Suburban Back Yard, Philadelphia Flower Show.

### GOLD MEDAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Providence Garden Club, Treatment of Bay Window, Philadelphia Flower Show.

### "THE AMERICAN HOME," ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Stanley Johnson, Seedling Dahlias, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

### "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" DAHLIA FUTURITY MEDAL

James Desmond, Six Dahlias, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

### GOLD MEDALS

Edwin S. Webster, Orchid Exhibit, Spring Show, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. W. Redmond Cross, Sweepstake Prize, Autumn Flower Show, New York, N. Y.

### ROBERT C. WRIGHT ROSE MEDAL (SILVER)

Mrs. Henry S. Jeanes, Best Rose in Show, Inter-Club Flower Show, Philadelphia.

### SILVER MEDALS

Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Collection of Plants and Shrubs, Spring Flower Show.

Henry F. Michell Company, Display of Dahlias, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

Hosea Waterer, Display of Dahlias and Garden Flowers, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

Harry G. Haskell, 3 Trained Chrysanthemum Plants, Chrysanthemum Show.

### BRONZE MEDALS

Mrs. John B. Carson, Sweepstake Prize, Inter-Club Flower Show, Philadelphia.

"The Weeders," Arrangement of Dahlias, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

Olive V. Walton, Display of Dahlias, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

The Food Gardens Association, Display of Vegetables, Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Mrs. Charles S. Starr, Collection of Cut Clematis, Spring Flower Show.

Mrs. Arthur Hoyt Scott, Collection of Seedling Peonies, Spring Flower Show.

Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, and The Morris Arboretum of The University of Pennsylvania, Collection of Fruiting Woody Plants, Chrysanthemum Show.

Henry F. Michell Company, Collection of Hardy Chrysanthemums, Chrysanthemum Show.

Mrs. Gustavus Wynne Cook, Collection of Chrysanthemums, Chrysanthemum Show.

Mrs. Clarence H. Geist, Trained Chrysanthemum Plant, Chrysanthemum Show.

Mr. Harry G. Haskell, Chrysanthemum Seedling of 1939, Chrysanthemum Show.



## COMMERCIAL ORDERS

Commercial Orders were generously donated by the following firms as prizes at the Chrysanthemum Show: Bristol Nurseries, Inc., Bristol, Conn.; W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; The Conard-Pyle Company, West Grove, Pa.; Dazey Manufacturing Co., New York City; Wm. H. Doyle, Inc., Berwyn, Pa.; Henry A. Dreer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wm. Henry Maule, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry F. Michell Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; Styer's Nurseries, Concordville, Pa.; Totty's, Madison, N. J.; Hosea Waterer, Philadelphia, Pa.

## CASH PRIZES

Subsidies and cash prizes for the "Garden" classes sponsored by the Society at the Philadelphia Flower Show were contributed by the Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc., and were greatly appreciated.

Norwood Prizes, given by Mrs. J. Emott Caldwell, for Cascade Chrysanthemums, awarded to John Crawford (gardener for Mrs. John B. Townsend), Gordon Murray (gardener for Mr. Harry G. Haskell), John W. L. Gatenby (gardener for Mrs. J. E. Caldwell), Chrysanthemum Show.

The Kleinheinz Memorial Prize, for 3 specimen Chrysanthemum Plants, awarded to Allan J. Wicks (gardener for Mrs. William M. Elkins), Chrysanthemum Show.

William Popp Prize, for Largest Bloom in Show, awarded to William McGawn (gardener for Mrs. William M. Potts), Chrysanthemum Show.

Harold Graham Prize, for Trained Chrysanthemum Plant, awarded to Thomas Hitchcock (gardener for Mrs. Clarence Geist), Chrysanthemum Show.

Henry F. Michell Company Prize, for 3 Indoor Grown Chrysanthemum Plants, awarded to John Crawford (gardener for Mrs. John B. Townsend), Chrysanthemum Show.

Cash Prizes were given by The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at its Spring Show; by the Society and the Norristown Garden Club at the joint Dahlia and Fall Flower Show; by the Society and the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners at the joint Chrysanthemum Show; and by the Society and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania at the joint Exhibition of Conservation Christmas Decorations.

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## Special Award

The Centenary Gold Medal of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society was awarded by the Society to John C. Wister, Secretary, on May 10, "in recognition of the valuable contributions he has made to Horticulture and in appreciation of his loyal service to this Society."

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## Garden Awards

(Made upon the recommendation of the Committee on Garden Awards, William J. Serrill, Chairman.)

### GOLD MEDAL

To Mrs. Arthur Hoyt Scott, of Todmorden Farm, Media.

This fine estate, with its rolling acres, perfection of landscape and ancient dwelling-house is a centre of horticultural interest. The perfection and variety of blooms, shrubs and trees, attest the knowledge and skill of the owner. Tree Peonies and Japanese Iris are specialties; thousands of Daffodils are naturalized; the Boxwood planting at the house is unusually fine. The charm which only age can give is richly here; it touches and mellows the beauty which skill and exquisite taste have created.

## SILVER MEDALS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Rosengarten of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

This modern and beautiful home is felicitously placed at the edge of the heavily wooded slope which forms one side of the famous Wissahickon Valley, and thus partakes of the charm, hushed and mysterious, which only the presence of such a forest can give. The grounds have been appropriately treated in accordance with this dominant character. One wanders from one little gem of enclosure to another, along mossy woodland paths. And everywhere is evidence of the good taste and loving care of the owners.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Pew of Ardmore,

for their elaborately and beautifully planted estate. A charmingly shaded terrace leads from the house to the formal garden, brilliant with blooms. The blending of colors, and the plant materials are faultless. A swimming pool enhances the attractiveness of this lovely home.

## BRONZE MEDALS

To Mr. and Mrs. Evan Randolph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia,

for their very small enclosed garden, so placed and planned as to form one of the loveliest out-door living rooms that can be imagined.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall S. Morgan, of "Paperhill," Malvern,

for their unpretentious country home. A converted farm house, with the typical rural features retained, set in a lawn shaded by old trees, on the bank of Ridley Creek, the charm of this place is due to its simplicity and homelike qualities. The garden, unassumingly lovely, is quite in keeping.

To Mrs. Edward Ingersoll of "Spring House Farm," Penllyn.

An impressively old house of fine proportions, shaded grounds in a setting of open country, and a beautifully planted, wall-enclosed garden, form the features of this charming home.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Dixon Wainwright, of "Tamarack Hill," Gwynedd Valley.

An impressive entrance, a fine old house, a beautifully planted courtyard, and a terrace at the back, with a fine country view, are the features of this estate. To reach the garden one crosses the wide lawn to find an enclosure of high stone walls (apparently those of an old barn) densely but beautifully laid out and planted. The intimate quality is quite unique and undeniably charming. Into the front wall has been built the dressing rooms and "porch" accessory to a swimming pool beyond. The whole effect is very pleasing.

To Mrs. N. McLean Seabrease, of "Midwood House," Fort Washington.

Here is a modern house, of Empire design, set in a woods, not a dense forest of tall trees, but an open woods of small trees, pleasantly sunny in the spring time. From the end of the terrace extends a wall-enclosed formal garden, with a small pool at the far end, charmingly in bloom with Tulips. The wood is extensively planted with bulbs. The place has an atmosphere all its own; it is something "different," foreign, and artistically pleasing.

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

To Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Hart, of "Arrowhead Farm," Ambler,

for their little garden with its low retaining walls and pool, marked with good taste and simplicity.

## REPORT OF THE LECTURE COMMITTEE FOR THE SEASON OF 1938-1939

A group of three free lectures was included in the membership of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and three distinct courses of subscription lectures were presented for the benefit of members who wished information on particular subjects. In order to cover the cost of the subscription lectures, a charge of Three Dollars was made for each course, with single lectures at seventy-five cents.

The complete program was as follows:

### REGULAR SERIES—ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

Auditorium - 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia  
3.30 P. M.

January 9—"Comparison of Floras of the Northern Hemisphere," by Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.

January 23—"Winter Aspect of Trees," by Professor Frank A. Schrepfer.

February 6—"Birds, Their Relation to Farm and Garden," by Mr. Wharton Huber.

These three lectures were uniformly of a high standard of excellence. The speakers, local in each instance and authorities in their respective fields, are members of the staff of the University of Pennsylvania or the Academy of Natural Sciences.

### SUBSCRIPTION LECTURES

Room 631, 1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Course No. 1. "The Families of Flowering Plants"  
10.30 A. M.

DR. JOHN M. FOGG, JR., University of Pennsylvania  
1938

November 7—Grasses, Sedges, Aroids, and Lilies.

November 14—Amaryllids, Irises, and Orchids.

November 21—Knotweeds, Pinks, and Buttercups.

November 28—Poppies, Cresses, and Saxifrages.

December 12—Roses and Peas.

Dr. Fogg's course was the first half of a two-year botanical series—each unit independent of the other. It was enthusiastically received by a group of twenty-five members who wished to increase their scientific knowledge of plants.

Course No. 2 "Practical Gardening Talks"  
8 P. M.

MISS ANNE B. WERTSNER, Field Secretary  
1938

November 7—Bulbs for the Garden and House.

November 14—Soil.

November 21—House Plants.

November 28—Plant Materials.

December 12—Christmas Decorations (Practical Demonstration).

These five talks were presented in the evening at the special request of some members who cannot come to daytime lectures.

However, the small attendance of ten or twelve at the majority of the lectures was discouraging, and the experiment will not be repeated next season. The first four talks contained much specific information for the amateur gardener, and the last talk was a demonstration of Christmas Decorations in which many novel and attractive designs for holiday decoration were cleverly worked out. Miss Wertsner emphasized the use of conservation material in her talk.

Course No. 3. "Work, Care and Upkeep of a Garden, Including Tools"  
10.30 A. M.

MR. DAVID RUST, Consultant

1939

January 23—Insecticides and Fungicides.

January 30—Perennial Border.

February 6—Delphinium and Lilies.

February 20—Pruning of Trees and Flowering Shrubs.

February 27—Garden Work in Spring.

Mr. Rust gave his audience the benefit of his horticultural knowledge and wide experience in these five informal talks. Note-books were continually in use and questions were freely asked. This practical first-hand information was welcomed by a group of thirty enthusiastic gardeners.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. WISTER, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1939

It has been most gratifying, this past season, to note the increase in visitors to the Library. We are pleased, too, to see that, more than ever before, out-of-town members of the Society are availing themselves of the privilege of having books mailed to them. This special service brings the Society's library to their very doorstep. It means that even those members living at a distance can enjoy the benefit of the "book knowledge" we have to offer. "Book knowledge" providing the books are carefully chosen, brings us **at first hand** the wisdom and experience of the world's great gardeners, not only those of contemporary times, but also those of generations ago.

During the winter months we must take advantage of the fact that the plants and shrubs in our gardens are asleep and this leaves us time to improve our knowledge. No matter how faithfully we tend our plants, during this period, some will never awake again. There always are and always will be some vacant places to be filled in spring, and so our gardens can never be exactly the same year after year. It is well that this is so. Life is ever changing, but we want the change to be for the better, and we have the power to make it so.

At this time we want new ideas. We want a greater knowledge of plant material, we want more variety in our gardens, and above all we want our gardens to be more beautiful than ever before. It is in the reading of books that we can find the answers to these problems, and in them we can find the stimulation that



we need. It is in books that we can learn of the wonderful new plants that are constantly being brought into cultivation, and it is in books, too, that we learn how to care properly for the plants we already have, how to help them fight their battles with their enemy insects, and how to prevent and how to cure their ailments.

To possess the garden we have long glorified "in our mind's eye" is the great ambition of us all. It is the ultimate goal that lies ahead. We hope the members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will let the library help them to attain this end!

We want at this time to express our gratitude. We thank most warmly the following members who, with special gifts of cash or books, have helped build up our library: Mr. Horace Paul Dormon, Mrs. F. Woodson Hancock, Dr. Jane Leslie Kift, Mrs. Charles Richardson, Mr. C. Frederick C. Stout, Miss Anne B. Wertsner and Mr. John C. Wister. We thank the garden clubs who so thoughtfully have sent us appropriations in the past to help us in our work. Every gift is an encouragement to us and a big help, no matter how small the actual gift may be. If each member would occasionally bring or send in \$1.00 our library would be able to expand in a wonderful way, and the members would derive a lasting benefit from their gift. If the Garden Clubs of the state would each set aside a small sum yearly for us our sphere of usefulness would widen considerably and we would possess the kind of Library the gardeners of Pennsylvania should have.

During the year we have added 200 books to our stacks making a total of approximately 4,800 volumes. We also subscribe to 75 periodicals, most of which we bind and are available for many years back. There have been 1,257 visitors to the Library. In addition to the books consulted in our rooms, 969 have been circulated among the members. The Library is open to non-members for reference and we are pleased to have visitors use our Reading Room during office hours.

We hope that every member will be able to enjoy the Library this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. HENRY, Chairman.  
(Mrs. J. Norman Henry)

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## GARDEN VISITS, 1939

The Society is grateful to the persons who opened their gardens to members during the 1939 season. Through their kindness, a large number of members and their friends (at some gardens an attendance of over 500 was recorded) enjoyed the following program of garden visits:



- May 6—Mrs. George R. Packard, "The Meadows," Villa Nova.  
 —Mrs. Packard Billings, "Meadows Westgate," Villa Nova.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Drayton, "Magnolia House," Villa Nova.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Parsons, "Appleford," Villa Nova.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes Townsend, Radnor.  
 —\*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Huey, Radnor.
- May 13—Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Boericke, "Deepdene," Wynnewood.  
 —Mrs. W. Percy Simpson, "Hearthstone," Overbrook.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. W. Logan MacCoy, Overbrook.  
 —Mr. and \*Mrs. Walter H. Johnson, Overbrook.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Hoffman, "The Grange," West Overbrook.
- May 20—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bachman, "Reckless Farms," Jenkintown.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. George F. Tyler, "Indian Council Rock," Newtown.  
 \* Deceased.

Members of the Society were also invited to visit the named collections of spring flowering plants of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation on the Swarthmore College campus on four afternoons, as follows:

- April 27—Daffodils and Flowering Cherries.  
 May 4 and 11—Flowering Apples, Lilacs and Tree Peonies.  
 May 19—Azaleas and Irises.

Representatives of the Society were present on these afternoons to give information about varieties, soil, and culture of the plants. Members are welcome on the campus at all times, and they can derive both profit and enjoyment from frequent visits to the plantings at various seasons of the year.

## WORK OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE FOR 1939

During 1939 the Extension Committee in its appointed personnel has been alive, but not very active by reason of lack of facilities for the much needed work it might do.

But the Extension Committee has been very much alive in the person of its able Field Secretary, who has creditably represented the Society so considerably and extensively that the only proper way to inform our members is to add herewith her report:

The Field Secretary has had a busy and interesting year with a varied program of activities including lectures, staging and judging flower shows, attending and representing the Society at meetings, visiting gardens and giving horticultural advice.

Her lecture work has taken her to garden clubs, schools and other organizations throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. A few of the places she has been are: Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Bethlehem, Reading, in Pennsylvania; Trenton, Spring Lake, Ridgewood and Absecon, in New Jersey; and Buffalo, in New York. Five garden clubs found it to their advantage to have their own series of lectures, and Miss Wertsner also participated on the programs of several evening adult education classes which were held in various schools in the suburbs of Philadelphia, also on a Judges and Exhibitors course which was given in Buffalo, New York. A one-day lecture program was given at Pocono Manor Inn, February 2, and included talks by Mr. John C. Wister, Dr. J. Horace McFarland and Miss Anne B. Wertsner. This was a new venture sponsored by the Society, and despite a very heavy ice storm 51 garden lovers attended and helped to make the day a success.

The staging of flower shows for the Society included the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Spring, Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Shows, and she helped with the judging of 15 shows sponsored by other clubs.

The Society was represented by the Field Secretary at various meetings of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, the American Rock Garden Society, National Park Executives Association, The Pennsylvania State College, Cornell University and Swarthmore College Garden Days, as well as being present to answer horticultural questions at the very popular Garden Days sponsored by the Society each spring.

The following statistics sum up briefly some of the activities accomplished by Miss Wertsner during 1939:

Lectures		Meetings	
10 Free		26	
(Public Schools, etc.)		(Represented Society)	
40 Paid			
(Garden Clubs)			
Visits		Judging	
15 Gardens		15 Flower Shows	
10 Swarthmore College			
(Scott Arboretum)			
Consultations			
Estimated Audience .....	4,091	205 Office	
Miles traveled .....	7,175	220 Telephone	
		126 Letters	

Considerable experience which has been had but not necessarily enjoyed by your chairman in a close relation to another flower organization, the American Rose Society, for twenty-five years, has convinced him that good will and enthusiasm on the part of any committee of this sort are not sufficient to largely increase membership even of so fine and admirable an organization as The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Your chairman was recently in Minneapolis, where he addressed the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and he was most agreeably surprised to have a membership in the American Rose Society thrust at him by a gentleman who said: "I think I am a professional 'joiner,' because this is the thirty-sixth society I am connecting myself with!"

With a carefully planned campaign based upon contacts with garden clubs as well as with garden-minded individuals all over the state; with visits to centers as wisely planned by Miss Wertsner, developing interest and offering help; with the use of some of our members who would be willing to travel to interest garden-minded friends in other parts of the state; we would, I am sure, secure a much larger and more definitely representative state membership. That this is at present financially impracticable is sorrowfully agreed.

Contact with many organizations convinces me that we have in our admirable office force in Philadelphia, in the keen interest of the workers housed there, and in the efforts of Miss Wertsner, a notable basis for an advance effort if and when we find it possible to make one.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HORACE McFARLAND, Chairman.

## CONSULTANT IN HORTICULTURE

During the Society's fiscal year (October 1, 1938 - September 30, 1939) Mr. David Rust, Consultant in Horticulture, visited 52 gardens of members, held 111 office consultations, gave gardening advice in 72 letters and in 107 telephone conversations. He lectured before 7 garden clubs and judged 8 flower shows.

Mr. Rust reserves Monday for office consultations (10 A. M. to 12 M, and 2 to 4 P. M.), except at times of Flower Shows. On other days it is advisable to telephone in advance for appointments. More accurate advice can be given by Mr. Rust if he visits a garden and sees the actual conditions of growth, and he strongly recommends this kind of diagnosis whenever possible. He is available for garden appointments on week-days except Mondays and Saturdays—the only expense involved is for actual traveling expenses.

The subjects about which Mr. Rust was consulted most often during the past year were: perennials, pruning, spraying, outdoor roses, evergreens, boxwood, lawns, rhododendrons, bulb gardens, shrubs and orchards.

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## THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Comprising 97 Member Clubs)

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## JANUARY

It will be wise for all amateurs to look over their dahlia clumps carefully at once. It may be necessary to divide the tubers and this work can be done as well now as in the Spring. Whenever a decayed spot is seen, immediate treatment must be given. The best plan that has been worked out is to remove all of the decayed material and then to roll the tubers in powdered sulphur such as can be obtained from the drug store and seed stores.

House plants thrive best in an atmosphere which is not very dry. Electric humidifiers are useful. Water mats under the pots are valuable, and pans of water on the radiator will help to supply moisture.

Poinsettia leaves are likely to drop by the end of the month. Then the plant should be dried off gradually and placed on its side in its pot on the floor in the basement. Early May will be the time to repot it.

Azaleas need to be kept fairly cool and must be given an abundance of water even after the flowering season is over. If they are to be trimmed, the work should be done immediately after the blossoms have dropped.

## FEBRUARY

This is a good month to repot palms, but the mistake of using pots which are too large should be avoided.

Keep *Daphne cneorum* well protected in February, so that the tips of its evergreen branches, which bear the clusters of pink buds, will not be burned by the sun.

Begin ordering hardy shrubs this month, keeping in mind the following considerations: Height, time of bloom, color, texture of foliage, spread of the whole plant and preference for sun or shade.

The winter pruning of fruit trees and the application of dormant sprays to fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubs is now in order.

The last week in February is not too early to sow the seed of tomatoes in boxes of earth in the house or in a hotbed.

Rhododendrons and boxwood should be protected during February and March by some sort of covering such as evergreen boughs, burlap or boards to keep out the strong sunlight.



## MARCH

In sections where the weather is warm, the lawn should be raked and rolled in order to level inequalities caused by freezing.

Begin sowing seeds of annuals indoors, especially those of vines which need a long season, such as the moonflower. Clip the seeds of moonflowers.

Examine all trees, shrubs and evergreens planted last Fall to make sure that the soil is firm around the roots and that all stakes and guy wires are secure.

Hardwood ashes from the fireplace make an excellent fertilizer, particularly for grapes, irises, delphiniums and roses. Keep the ashes dry and apply them as soon as cultivation begins.

In sections where frost has left the ground, look over the perennial border, the rock garden and the strawberry bed and reset any plants heaved out of the ground by frost.

Give the asparagus bed an early dressing of well decayed manure or bone meal when the ground is dry enough to walk on.

Remember that the soil is not ready to be worked until it will just crumble when squeezed in the hand and not remain in a moist mass.

## APRIL

It is a good plan as a rule to sow annual flower seeds when the trees are in bud.

Set out pansy plants as soon as the ground is ready. They will flower continuously if the blossoms are kept picked.

Use English daisies, (*Bellis perennis*), as an edging for the pansy bed or in a bed by itself.

It is advisable to apply fertilizer to the lawn before the grass begins to grow.

Many of the hardy asters give best results if they are divided and reset in the Spring.

Shirley poppies may be sown among the daffodils. Later, when the leaves of the bulbs turn brown, the poppies will replace them.

When the ground can be worked, spread fertilizer among the perennials in the border and dig it in with a fork. Take care not to disturb late bulbs and perennials while doing this work.

Shasta daisies can be divided almost as readily as most hardy chrysanthemums and small divisions will soon make large plants. This work can be done almost any time now.

## MAY

It is wise to cut lilacs freely with long stems, thus giving the plants some of the pruning which they require annually. Suckers coming up around the base should be removed as a matter of course.

The pinching of chrysanthemums should begin as soon as the plants are a few inches high. This plan helps to keep them low and makes them branch.

Regal lily seeds may be sown now, using a coldframe. Seeds may be sown successfully even in the open ground.

Daffodil foliage, like that of other Spring bulbs, should not be removed until it has turned yellow.

Perennial seeds should be sown as soon as possible in order to have strong plants, which may be transferred to the borders next Fall.

Flowering cherries, magnolias and flowering almonds should be cut back very sparingly after the blossoms fall, for they recover badly from the effects of pruning.

Newly planted shrubs and trees are benefited by a light mulch of peat moss, cut grass or leaves. Such a mulch keeps the soil from drying out and checks the growth of weeds.

## JUNE

It is not too late to plant gladioli, and the first of June is an excellent date for planting dahlias, which are at their best in the Fall.

From now on, the grass should not be cut very short and if mowing is done twice a week, raking the clippings probably will not be necessary.

This is an excellent time to sow seeds of perennials—much better than late June. A coldframe is preferable, a lath screen being substituted for the glass.

Hardy chrysanthemums need to be pinched several times to keep them from getting too tall and to promote branching. It is important, too, to keep them cultivated.

Constant spraying or dusting will be required from now on to keep the roses free from black spot and mildew. Any one of the proprietary remedies on the market may be used.

Trim Spring-flowering shrubs which have just finished blooming. It is wise to remove the old flower heads from lilacs and rhododendrons.

Give the hardy chrysanthemums a June feeding, using a complete, balanced plant food, applying at the rate of one rounded tablespoonful to the square foot of space surrounding the plants. Work the plant food lightly into the soil and apply water.

## JULY

Red spider does much damage to evergreens at this season, particularly if the weather is dry. The presence of this pest is to be suspected when juniper and spruce trees turn rusty. The simplest remedy is the constant use of the hose, a strong stream being directed against all the branches several times a week.

Annuals and certain shrubs and trees need to be watched for plant lice, which work quickly and multiply with an astonishing rapidity. Spraying with nicotine or a rotenone preparation will control them.

Irises may be moved and divided at any time after they have bloomed, and the bearded irises do best if separated once in three or four years.

It is much better to separate and replant pyrethrums now than in late Fall. Small divisions will make good-sized plants next season.

Oriental poppies are easily divided and transplanted in late July and August. They can also be increased by planting pieces of the roots.

## AUGUST

Madonna lilies should be ordered at once and planted as soon as they arrive.

It is wise to apply a quick-acting fertilizer to dahlias when they are in bud. Liquid manure is used with success.

The seeds of delphiniums may be sown now. It seems to be an established fact that fresh seeds usually germinate best.

Cuttings of geraniums may be made this month to produce Winter plants.

The seeds of pansies, the English daisy (*Bellis perennis*), and forget-me-nots may be planted now. It will be wise to transfer the started plants of English daisies to the coldframe later, but pansies are usually wintered in raised beds with a covering of hay or some similar litter.

Roses may be fertilized once more at the beginning of this month but should not be fed again until late Fall in order that they may ripen up their wood. Bone meal may be applied just before the ground freezes but not now.

## SEPTEMBER

This is the ideal time for making a new lawn or repairing a lawn that is in poor condition.

Gladiolus bulbs should be dug when the foliage has begun to turn yellow. It is well to cure them in the sun.

Bleeding heart can be divided safely at this season and may be handled much like peony clumps.

It is desirable to plant bulbs of crocuses and snowdrops, chionodoxas, scillas and other small bulbs as soon as they are available.

Seeds of forget-me-nots should be sown this month. These plants make a good carpet companion for tulips and seeds can be sown directly in the beds.

This is the most popular month for planting peonies and for dividing large clumps. Care should be taken to plant them only two inches deep.

Bulb plantings can be begun in earnest this month. Daffodils should be planted as soon as they arrive and so should Madonna lilies. Freesias can be started indoors as soon as possible for they require a long season.

## OCTOBER

There is still time for making over the perennial bed, and it is not too late to divide and move peonies.

Give the roses, the rhododendrons and newly set perennials a thorough soaking with water. Do not water the newly planted bulbs.

Give the old rhubarb plants a heavy dressing of manure and set out new plants. Old plants may be divided.

All roots and bulbs requiring Winter storage, such as gladioli, tuberose, tuberose-rooted begonias, caladiums and cannas, need to be taken in when frost has cut down the tops.

Trim the blackberry and raspberry canes that bore fruit this year. Leave the new growth for next season.

Gladiolus bulbs should be allowed to cure in shallow flats or boxes for two or three weeks. Then they can be put away for the Winter, preferably in a cold place but above freezing. If stored in paper bags with one ounce of naphthalene flakes for each 100 corms, thrips will be overcome. The naphthalene flakes should be removed after three or four weeks.



## NOVEMBER

Roses may be planted now. Growers in many sections prefer Fall planting.

Cuttings of the various shrubs, particularly forsythias and philadelphus, will root readily in the Spring if kept buried in damp sand in a coldframe or cellar during the Winter.

Newly planted shade trees are often injured by sun scald during the Winter months. This may easily be prevented by wrapping the trunks from the ground up loosely with burlap.

It is wise to remove the old leaves from peonies, larkspurs, hollyhocks and foxgloves. They are likely to carry disease.

Clean all dead foliage from around the rose bushes and hill soil around the hybrid teas and polyanthas. No further protection will be needed until the first of the new year.

Hyacinths to be forced should be potted by the end of November. Be sure that the soil is well soaked before they go into the cellar; otherwise roots will not start. An occasional watering may be necessary.

## DECEMBER

All newly set trees should be staked, in order to prevent their being blown down or tipped over by heavy snows.

It is customary to cut down the hardy chrysanthemums at this season, but if the tops are left in place, they will help to hold snow, which is the best mulching material for them.

Mulching material may be applied to the perennial border, the rose garden and the bulb plantings when the ground is frozen hard.

Observe the conservation rules when gathering Christmas greens from the woods.

Pansies and English daisies to be wintered outside should be well covered with straw or leaves when cold weather has become established, using a few boards to keep the covering in place. Plants placed in coldframes will come into bloom earlier in the Spring or may be forced in the house in Winter.

Amaryllis bulbs may be started now. If there are established bulbs in old pots, two inches of soil should be removed from the surface and replaced with a good rich mixture. It is possible to force small amaryllis bulbs in water by using hyacinth glasses. The results are interesting.

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